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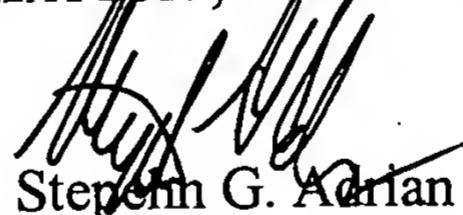
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International application No.

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Box No. I Basis of the report

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This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is language of a translation furnished for the purpose of:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-8	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-8	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-8	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Document 1: WO, 01-32418, A1 (Kaneka Corp.), 10 May, 2001 (10.05.01), the claims

Document 2: JP, 7-85923, B2 (Toyo Kohan Co., Ltd.), 20 September, 1995 (20.09.95), the claims, paragraph [0003]

Document 3: JP, 2002-283517, A (Daikin Industries, Ltd.), 3 October, 2002 (03.10.02), paragraph [0011]

Document 4: JP, 8-314148, A (Canon Inc.), 29 November, 1996 (29.11.96), the claims, paragraphs [0024]-[0029]

Claims 1-8

The subject matters of claims 1-8 do not appear to involve an inventive step in view of documents 1-3 cited in the ISR and newly cited document 4.

Document 1 describes a method for producing a laminated plate by sticking a metallic foil to a thermally fusible heat resistant film. As described in documents 2 and 3, waviness caused by the temperature difference in the width direction in a laminated plate production method is a well-known problem to be solved. Furthermore, document 4 describes establishing a temperature difference between the edge portions and a central portion of a resin coating film while it is dried. So, a person skilled in the art could have easily treated the laminated plate obtained by sticking of document 1 in such a manner that the temperature at the edge portions becomes higher than that at the central portion as described in document 4.